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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR FBI DIRECTOR MUELLER

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b), (d).

1. (C) Summary: Mission Pakistan warmly welcomes your arrival in Islamabad. You are arriving in the midst of largely self-inflicted political
2. (C) You will be meeting with key interlocutors in our efforts to press the GOP for prosecution of the Mumbai detainees, assistance in effec
3. (C) DG ISI Pasha, whom you met in last week's bilateral and trilateral strategic review in Washington, continues to profess a determination

Domestic Situation

4. (C) The civilian government headed by President Asif Zardari and Prime Minister Yousaf Gilani, elected one year ago, has been fairly stable

5. (C) Although we do not believe Pakistan is a failed
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state, we nonetheless recognize that the challenges the state confronts are dire. The government is losing more and more territory every day to

Security

6. (C) The good news is that the Army/Frontier Corps are engaged in combat in the FATA and have just declared victory after a six month long b
7. (C) However, in the latest agreement in Swat (once a tourist resort approximately 90 miles from Islamabad), the provincial government agree
8. (C) The military's decision in 2008 to strike a deal with Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud in South Waziristan helped to reduce th

Police/Law Enforcement

9. (SBU) Although Pakistani security forces are now engaged in active combat against extremists, they lack the capability to deal with militar
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engaging and defeating heavily armed militants and criminal gangs. The second track involves expanding the current ICITAP, DS/ATA and other eff

10. (SBU) In conjunction with INL's police program, the Department of State's Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program (ATA) will focus on providing
11. (C) Through the Rewards for Justice program, the USG is ready to assist Pakistan in establishing a National Safety Hotline, through which

Visa Processing

12. (C) Post-9/11 changes to improve U.S. border security have dramatically increased the length of time it takes Pakistani citizens to obtain

Mumbai

13. (C) Indo-Pak tensions are still simmering, but to avoid a potential Indian military strike, the GOP needs to continue to show progress on
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Kidnapping Cases

14. (S) The Embassy appreciates ongoing FBI support to resolve a significant number of kidnapping cases involving Amcits in Pakistan. We will
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